



SANDWICH

Barnstable County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

Incorporated in 1639, Sandwich is the oldest town on Cape Cod. It is located on both sides of the Cape Cod Canal with the majority of its population and land mass on the southerly side of the canal. Sandwich is a mostly residential community with a winter population considerably smaller than the population during the warm summer. Residents feel that its charm and uniqueness combined with its ideal location make Sandwich a very attractive place both to live and visit.

Sandwich's beaches along Cape Cod Bay stretch for miles and provide a wonderful view on a clear day of the many vessels that pass through on their way to or from the Boston area. Commercial fishermen and lobstermen can be seen daily from the docks at the Sandwich Marina, the only harbor along the canal.

Not too far from the marina is historic Sandwich Village which is a world renowned tourist destination, providing a glimpse into New England's rich colonial history. Heritage Plantation, Sandwich Glass Museum, the Thornton Burgess Museum, Hoxie House (the oldest house on Cape Cod), Daniel Webster Inn, Dexter Grist Mill and various art galleries, rare book and antique stores are some examples of the attractions which bring visitors to Sandwich from all across New England and the world.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts at the beginning of Cape Cod. Bordered by Cape Cod Bay on the north, Barnstable on the east, Falmouth and Mashpee on the south, and Bourne on the west. Sandwich is 15 miles west of Hyannis; 57 miles southeast of Boston; 61 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 238 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 44.36 sq. miles

Land Area: 43.04 sq. miles

Population: 15,489

Density: 360 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hyannis Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.4°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Sandwich, Pocasset, Sagamore, Cotuit

Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Barnstable-Yarmouth



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 888-4910

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1639

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	10,214		
Democrats	2,344	22.9	%
Republicans	2,027	19.8	%
Other parties	9	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	5,834	57.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Sandwich town, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	20,136	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	20,136	100.0
Male.....	9,783	48.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	161	0.8
Female.....	10,353	51.4	Mexican.....	39	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,329	6.6	Puerto Rican.....	61	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	1,659	8.2	Cuban.....	5	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,845	9.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	56	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	1,264	6.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	19,975	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	610	3.0	White alone.....	19,569	97.2
25 to 34 years.....	1,866	9.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,703	18.4	Total population.....	20,136	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,174	15.8	In households.....	19,980	99.2
55 to 59 years.....	1,152	5.7	Householder.....	7,335	36.4
60 to 64 years.....	777	3.9	Spouse.....	4,768	23.7
65 to 74 years.....	1,448	7.2	Child.....	6,711	33.3
75 to 84 years.....	998	5.0	Own child under 18 years.....	5,466	27.1
85 years and over.....	311	1.5	Other relatives.....	527	2.6
Median age (years).....	39.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	182	0.9
18 years and over.....	14,423	71.6	Nonrelatives.....	639	3.2
Male.....	6,799	33.8	Unmarried partner.....	306	1.5
Female.....	7,624	37.9	In group quarters.....	156	0.8
21 years and over.....	13,885	69.0	Institutionalized population.....	106	0.5
62 years and over.....	3,224	16.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	50	0.2
65 years and over.....	2,757	13.7	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,175	5.8	Total households.....	7,335	100.0
Female.....	1,582	7.9	Family households (families).....	5,515	75.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,792	38.1
One race.....	19,998	99.3	Married-couple family.....	4,768	65.0
White.....	19,683	97.8	With own children under 18 years.....	2,368	32.3
Black or African American.....	77	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	595	8.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	62	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	337	4.6
Asian.....	109	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	1,820	24.8
Asian Indian.....	14	0.1	Householder living alone.....	1,468	20.0
Chinese.....	26	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	651	8.9
Filipino.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,932	40.0
Japanese.....	13	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,887	25.7
Korean.....	24	0.1	Average household size.....	2.72	(X)
Vietnamese.....	3	-	Average family size.....	3.18	(X)
Other Asian ¹	18	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	8,748	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	2	-	Occupied housing units.....	7,335	83.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	1,413	16.2
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	1,174	13.4
Some other race.....	65	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	138	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	11.9	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	7,335	100.0
White.....	19,803	98.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	6,455	88.0
Black or African American.....	116	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	880	12.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	106	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.79	(X)
Asian.....	141	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.25	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	18	0.1			
Some other race.....	106	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 61

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 11

Federal (Section 8): 22



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Sandwich is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Mid-Cape Highway (U.S Route 6), and State Routes 6A and 130. The portion of State Route 6A through Sandwich is a national historic district.

Rail

The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Sandwich. Contact number: (617) 380-3556. The Cape Cod Scenic Railroad operates a seasonal excursion train between Hyannis and the Cape Cod Canal.

Bus

Sandwich is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which operates a b-bus demand response service. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides bus service from the Sagamore Circle commuter lot to two locations in Boston.

Other

Barnstable Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, has two asphalt runways 5,249' and 5,430' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Marston Mills Airport, a privately owned public use facility, has 2 turf runways: 1,675'x 45' and 2,680'x 70'. Instrument approaches available: None.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Heritage Plantation of Sandwich

Grove Street

(508) 888-3300

The Old Hoxie House

130 Water Street, Route 130

(508) 888-1173

Sandwich Glass Museum

129 Main Street

(508) 888-0251

Thornton W. Burgess Museum

4 Water Street

(508) 888-4668

Yesteryears Doll & Toy Museum

Main and River Streets

(508) 888-1711

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Cape Heritage Nursing & Rehab. Center

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Fraser Rest Home Of Sandwich

Cape Heritage Nursing & Rehab Center

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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